(d) and (e) Based on the representations received from the public, the State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority, Uttar Pradesh have advised the Government of Uttar Pradesh to carry out comprehensive Environment Impact Assessment taking into consideration the intensity of sedimentation of River Ganga, impact on biodiversity, reduction of flow of water in the river and make necessary changes in the project incorporating the environmental issues.

Effects of noise pollution

1432. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that apart from hearing loss, noise can cause lack of sleep, irritation, heartburn, indigestion, ulcers, high blood pressure and possible heart disease and so on;

(b) whether Government is also aware that this menace is aggravating in the metros day by day; and

(c) if so, the action plan of Government to address this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Noise may pose health risks depending upon the intensity of ambient noise levels and extent of exposure.

(b) and (c) Noise levels are increasing in metros. The steps taken by the Government to address this issue include the following:

— Noise standards at manufacturing stage from motor vehicles, generator-sets, fire-crackers and ambient noise standards for control of noise pollution from loudspeaker/ public address system have been notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

— Central Pollution Control Board is monitoring ambient noise in residential areas along the major roads in Delhi due to traffic for the last three years at 7 locations. Similar noise monitoring studies have also been extended to other three metros *viz.* Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata.

Tiger projects in various states

1433. SHRI BHAGIRATHI MAJHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tiger Task Force has proposed to set up another tiger project in State of Orissa and other seven projects in Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Assam and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether the Central Finance Committee has also decided to disburse funds under Eleventh Finance Commission, the details of funds allocated and its projects;

(c) whether Similipal Tiger Project at Mayurbhanj is being provided funds/grants for maintenance of security and afforestation of it and to maintain its status;